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July 2007 Minutes

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Town of Arlington
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MINUTES
July 11, 2007

The Open Space Committee met on Wednesday, July 11, 2007. The meeting commenced at 7:35 pm.

Chairperson Ann LeRoy reported to the members that a draft of the new Open Space Plan had been sent to all members. An overview of the community forum was also sent to the membership.

The committee discussed the various letters of support that are needed for the new Plan. Ann has contacted the Selectmen's office. She will be going to their next meeting to give a verbal report and she will hand them some written material. Their subsequent meeting is scheduled for August 13th. We will give them a more completed plan for that meeting and ask for their letter of support.

Ralph told the committee that our new plan is due in August, 2007. We will be submitting it as soon as we're able.

Getting the other letters of support may be somewhat difficult given the summer scheduling of various groups. The required letters of support are as follows:

Planning Department
Board of Selectmen
MAPC
Conservation Commission

The next ConCom meeting will be August 3rd. David will be at that meeting and will report on the issue to them.

Ralph gave an overview of the draft. He said that there will be many more photo's inserted. The group discussed various sites and debated what category to put them in, i.e. Symmes Open Space, Knowles Farm.

The committee then discussed Section 8 and the Five Year Action Plan. Jane wondered exactly who was the audience for the Open Space Plan. Ralph explained that the state reviews the plan but it is really directed to the community.

The committee then held a detailed discussion of the Five Year Action Plan. Various edits to the draft plan were agreed upon and will be incorporated in the new plan by Ralph.

The meeting was called at 10:10 pm and will be reconvened on Tuesday, July 19, 2007, to continue the discussion of the Action Plan.

MINUTES
Tuesday, July 19, 2007

The committee continued work on the proposed goals for the new five year action plan. Various revisions and additions were made. These revisions and additions will be emailed to Ralph and he will incorporate them into the final plan.

Ann, Leslie, and Elizabeth planned to meet the next day Wednesday, July 20th, to finalize some recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.